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Memo for Proj S/O sub: COR Clearances from RMB

1. Because there was some urgency about the matter, I authorized Gen Ritland to brief Col Terhune on CORONA. I have also agreed that Col Evans should be briefed as soon as his clearance is verified by you. Gen Ritland also mentioned a Col Jacobson, BMD, as probably requiring a clearance at some time in the future. If you do not have full names of these or any doubts, wld you obtain info or talk to me so I can supply them.

2. I understand that clearance has been requested for [redacted] of Fairchild who was at the Tuesday meeting in Cambridge. I believe this is the most urgent single clearance for that company. Since major complications have arisen concerning the tech aspects of the Fairchild subsystem, and since these can be discussed only with [redacted] there is some urgency about clearance.

3. I wld apprec receiving from you at your convenience a list of senior cleared people in the various organizations concerned with COR together with the numbers of addtl clearances requested by each org.

4. I need hardly emphasize the importance of keeping a full and up-to-date list of personnel cleared for this project. Indeed, it is going to be necessary for you to maintain such a list not only in our office but in BMD, probably somewhere in the Pentagon and possibly in each of the companies concerned, so that cleared individuals will know with whom they can do business. I am convinced that the provision of this information to all the organizations concerned on a completely timely basis will greatly strengthen our security, since if witting individuals are convinced that their lists are accurate and up-to-date there will be less likelihood of the revelation of classified information by misunderstandings.

5. One more rqmt that must be added to the foregoing is for a completely up-to-date list in your office of the names and clearance status of individuals on whom clearance has been requested but to whom it has not yet been granted. I should think such a list might appropriately indicate for each name an approx date by which any investigation is expected to be completed. I wish to emphasize the desirability of having your office in position to answer inquiries.

6. I am not familiar with mechanical system you use but may I suggest one of the standard forms of visible card file, possibly using different colored cards for diff clearances. (over

After all, although the total number of clearances outstanding for the various projects with which you are concerned runs into the thousands, the maintenance of a card file of this size does not present a major data handling problem. It would take a good many man hours to set the file up (if it does not already exist) but thereafter shld think it shld be SOP to type and enter a card as soon as a clearance request received. Thereafter pencilled notations wld keep file up to date and in a form that any colleague or secretary cld readily respond to inquiries.

7. No doubt some such system is already in effect and I apologize for telling you how to do your business...RMBJr.